

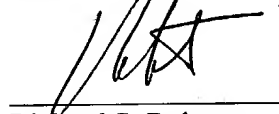
### REMARKS

The purpose of this amendment is to place claim 20 in better form for appeal.

In a telephone interview on January 29, 2004, the examiner agreed to enter the above amendment after the final rejection of August 26, 2003. The examiner agreed to remove the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection of Claim 20 pursuant to the above amendment. In the interview the examiner also asked to be reminded in this submission that the 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph rejections have not been continued.

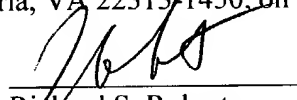
The undersigned respectfully requests re-examination of this application and believes it is now in condition for allowance. Such action is requested. If the examiner believes there is any matter which prevents allowance of the present application, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted to arrange for an interview which may expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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